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Transportation Update

June 2006

Lifeline Transportation Program Approved

At the June meetings of the CMA and the ACTIA boards, the first cycle of funding was approved for the Lifeline Transportation Program. The purpose of this program is to fund projects that improve the mobility of low-income residents. The following projects totaling \$4.9 million were approved:

- AC Transit service in Hayward for \$941,289. Provides day and evening service on Lines 83, 86 and 386 seven days per week.
- Ashby BART Station/Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley for \$1,385,760. Various transportation improvements associated with this center for the disabled.
- 3. E. Lewelling Blvd Improvements for \$2 million. Provides pedestrian improvements to improve walk access to buses, schools and businesses.
- Quicker, Safer Trip to Library for \$150,000. In west Oakland, provides transportation to the library for preschool and elementary school students.
- Wheels Route 14 Service, Livermore for \$443,424. Provides funding for service from low-income residential district to various locations.

These projects were selected from ten applications totaling \$12 million. A panel composed of representatives from a social service agency, a transit operator, a city, MTC's minority citizens advisory committee, MTC's welfare to work committee, as well as MTC, CMA and ACTIA staff rated the project submittals and provided its recommendation to both the CMA and ACTIA boards. The next

cycle of funding will occur in approximately two years.

CMA Focuses on Identifying, Refining and Selecting Projects for the State Infrastructure Bond

As outlined in last month's newsletter, the Legislature and the Governor have placed four infrastructure improvement bond measures on the November ballot. The \$20 billion transportation component includes several competitive programs including the Corridor Mobility and Trade Corridors programs. The \$4.5 billion Corridor Mobility program has a very tight schedule for the California Transportation Commission to act on the initial program. The CTC must adopt guidelines by December 1, 2006; regional agencies and Caltrans have until January 15, 2007 to submit candidate projects; and the CTC must adopt an initial program by March 1, 2007. A schedule for the Trade Corridors program must be developed by the CTC.

Local agencies also have a tight time frame to develop and submit potential Corridor Mobility projects to the regional agencies - MTC in the Bay Region. To help prepare the most competitive candidate projects in Alameda County, the CMA has authorized up to \$1 million from its funds to be used to develop the scope and cost of projects included in its long range plan but needing additional work. This additional information will be essential for the Infrastructure Bond Working Group formed by the CMA and ACTIA last month. This group is charged with developing a consensus list of projects to be considered by MTC.

The composition of the Working Group was revised in June after it was learned

that transit projects are not eligible for the Corridor Mobility program. The \$20 billion transportation bond includes a separate \$4 billion program for transit. The working group will now consist of representatives of the CMA, ACTIA, the Port of Oakland, the Economic Development Alliance for Business, MTC and Caltrans.

Because the Corridor Mobility program is limited to highway projects and because Caltrans will be submitting its own list directly to CTC, coordination with Caltrans is critical. Furthermore, it is expected that CTC will give high priority to projects that appear on both the regional lists and Caltrans' list.

The Trade Corridors program will require coordination with the Port, Caltrans, railroads and other freight interests. There is expected to be some overlap between Corridor Mobility program candidates and Trade Corridors program projects. The Working Group will seek to develop a unified list for both programs.

Federal and State Funds "At Risk" Reports Available

The Quarterly At Risk reports for projects programmed with federal and State funds are available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's web site. These reports indicate which projects need attention in order to meet deadlines.

Deadlines to Note

<u>State Infrastructure Bonds (Corridor Mobility program -- \$4.5 billion statewide)</u>

Action by voters......November 7, 2006 CTC adopts guidelines by...December 1, 2006 Caltrans and regions

submit projects by......January 15, 2007 CTC adopts program.....February 28, 2007

Combined Measure B Bicycle-Pedestrian Program, Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian

Program & TFCA Eligible Projects (\$9 million)

Call for Projects Sept 2006 Deadline for Project Submittals Nov 2006

Draft Program Jan 2007 Final Program Feb 2007 Regional Transportation for Livable Communities (TLC) Program (\$18 million region-wide)

Draft Program Final Program

September 2006 October 2006

Upcoming Meetings

July

- 11 CMA Technical Advisory Committee
- 17 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
- 17 CMA Plans & Programs Committee
- 26/27 CTC (San Diego)
 - 27 CMA Board Meeting
 - 31 I-680 Smart Carpool Lane

August

no meetings

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